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SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS NEW RESEARCH CLINIC FOR LA BIOMED

A state-of-the-art research clinic is set to rise at the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute (LA BioMed), located at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Thanks to a \$1-lease approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and other actions taken today, the nationally recognized non-profit will be able to construct the new facility using federal funds.

“Earlier this year, Supervisor Don Knabe and I supported an analysis of opportunities for public-private collaboration in the area of bio-technology,” said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, “Today’s efforts exemplify the kinds of partnerships we should be fostering throughout the County.”

The Institute will have an initial 20-year lease for a 22,7700-square-foot Chronic Disease Clinic Research building; total construction costs are estimated at \$9.7 million and will be entirely funded with a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The nonprofit’s researchers conduct studies in cardiovascular disease, emerging infections, cancer, diabetes, reproductive health, respiratory disorders and much more.

“LA BioMed is a driving force in the industry, tackling challenging diseases that are often overlooked by other organizations,” the Supervisor said. “Its work substantially improves health outcomes for millions of people in the County and throughout the nation.”

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